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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Without competition the marketplace isn't fair. I support broadband competition. AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city fiber; the very technology that allowed us to grow, expand fiber deployment, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, smaller customers are at risk of losing access to diversity of choice and potentially paying higher rates. AT&T are horrible to deal with. I'd prefer to stick with a service like Sonic. AT&T clearly wants to have a Monopoly.

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